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1. [redacted] police in the Gotha area [redacted] expect to be transferred to Berlin in the near future. All members of the FDJ are to be organized into special units which will be assigned to FDJ demonstration groups for the March on Berlin.
2. It is rumored among the populace that in the course of the demonstration the Soviet Zone police will usurp the police authority of the Western sectors and restore the unity of Berlin.*
3. Members of the 1st Panzerbereitschaft Ernst Thaelmann, now stationed in Grossenhain (N 52/A 01), are alleged to believe that their unit is committed to the protection of the FDJ Whit-sum rally.**
4. [redacted] 50 percent of the entire Soviet Zone German police force, disguised as FDJ members in civilian clothes and well-armed, will participate in the Berlin rally. Disturbances are definitely expected.*

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Comment:

- * The 6th and 7th bereitschaften of the Soviet Zone police, totaling approximately 2,000, are located in Gotha.
- ** The Ernst Thaelmann Bereitschaft is an elite unit of the Soviet Zone German police. Most of its personnel are FDJ members. The unit allegedly has 30 to 40 armored vehicles.

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